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Title: POSTAGE SYSTEM HAVING TELEPHONE ANSWERING AND  
MESSAGE RETRIEVAL CAPABILITY

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is submitted prior to the receipt of an Office Action. Entry of the following preliminary amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as specified below.

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